

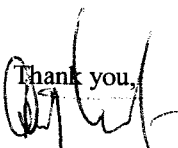
Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
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Dear Air Board-

Alexandria has other issues that need to be addressed more than the concerns surrounding the Mirant Power plant. Quite frankly, the plant is needed for the energy and jobs it supplies. I've lived in Virginia for 11 years and Alexandria on and off for 7 years. Our roads need to be improved; yet the people opposed to keeping the plant open would be approving more traffic and congestion on these roads. The opposition wants new condos built on the property, which would bring more people in to Alexandria. New residents would be driving on poorly maintained roads, and have less access to quality jobs if Mirant is not allowed to operate.

The plant has made major improvements to maintain high air quality standards. The new stack merge proposal would make it even more environmentally compliant. Tax dollars have already been spent on trying to stop the plant from operating. We should allow it to stay open and the stack merge needs approval. The city of Alexandria depends on the Mirant power plant.

The Virginia Air Board should work with the plant to ensure its standards are safe for the environment instead of trying to shut it down. Shutting it down will only hurt the entire community. Thank you for considering the stack merge approval so that Alexandria continues to thrive for years to come.

Thank you,

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